

***For Your Information***  
***Weekly***  
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF  
February 27, 2015

**Dates to Remember:**

March 9, 2015 – City Commission Workshop – US 27 Corridor

March 12, 2015 – City Commission Workshop

March 16, 2015 – City Commission Meeting

***Spring Cleaning – March 28 – “No Butts About It” - Pre-registration starts March 2<sup>nd</sup>***

Sugar Festival – April 10 and 11 – Visit [www.clewistonsugarfestival.net](http://www.clewistonsugarfestival.net) for more information

**Staff Reports**

**Community Development Director Reese reports:**

- We are preparing for the Planning & Zoning meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Area Housing of Clewiston, LaBelle and Hendry County is seeking a variance to the side setback at 1016 West Ventura. The proposed project is for a 50 unit housing development.
- A new business, Moore & Moore Beauty Supplies will be opening in the store located at 1030 South W.C. Owen Avenue, formally occupied by Diva Beauty Supply.

**Police Chief Gutshall reports:**

- Code Enforcement has remained highly active identifying all potential code issues on the Eastern gateway working westward.
- Following an investigation, officers identified and arrested a burglary suspect from a burglary which occurred last month.
- Patrol is now at full staff for the first time in over a year. We are working to have a replacement up and running for Animal Control by the time Kathy Jenkin retires in March.
- The laptops obtained via grant have all been installed in the patrol vehicles and are being utilized.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week’s activity:
  - 1197** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
  - 622** Complaints Investigated
  - 29** Traffic Citations Issued
  - 35** Red Light Camera Violations
  - 15** Arrests Made
  - 68** Merchant Escorts
  - 9** City Ordinance/Code Violations
  - 19** Alarms Responded To
  - 5** Traffic Accidents Investigated

**Public Works Director Scheffler reports:**

- Mosquito Control: Staff and Clarke Environmental Services will start trapping once a week in March to start setting up a base line. We are not scheduled for any applications until the first of April if counts warrant.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Pipe for the drainage repair on Lopez was delivered on Monday. Installation started Wednesday morning with the help of the water crew. (2) Because of Golf course scheduling conflicts, staff was unable to plant Bougainvillea until Monday this week. 80 plants were set at locations determined to be out of play and approved by golf course staff.
- New truck inspection: The new solid waste front loader is in Fort Myers getting signage installed. This truck will go into service in the commercial division, but is set up to run residential collection when needed. Staff has put many man hours into making sure the problems discovered with the “first round” of trucks was not repeated. Staff is excited to see how this new generation truck performs.
- Spring Cleaning: Thanks to all four local banks for committing to be sponsors in this year’s “Spring Cleaning / No Butts About It Contest”. Tee shirts will be reserved for all pre-registered volunteers and the remainder will be given out on a first come first served basis on the day of the event, March 28<sup>th</sup>. ***Call the Public Works Department at 983-1471 for more information.***

**Utilities Director Williams reports:**

- The Water/Sewer crew replaced a fire hydrant on the northeast corner of Harlem Gardens and repaired a hydrant on Mississippi Avenue. Several sewer services were jetted in the 500 block of West Obispo. The problem is being caused by tree roots in the sewer line. We will be looking into replacing sections of the line.
- The Water/Sewer crew, along with the meter readers, are assisting Public Works with storm drain repair on South Lopez.
- The Electric crew changed out a feeder pole on South Francisco that was damaged due to fire. Old transformers that are not being used are being removed from service and street light repairs continue. An electric line was placed underground at the boat basin this week.
- A pole was set at the Youth Ball fields with a nesting platform to encourage our Osprey to build her nest there instead of on the lights and she is complying!
- A representative from Florida Rural Water Association met with Utility Director Danny Williams and Wastewater Superintendent Andres Marrero to evaluate the Wastewater Treatment Plant February 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Please remember to register with CodeRed (Reverse 911). This system allows us to contact you in case of an emergency or with other informational announcements. You may register by clicking on the CodeRed link at the bottom or the City’s website page [www.clewiston-fl.gov](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov). You may update your information at any time through the same link.
- If you are considering replacing your air conditioner or insulation, remember the City offers a rebate program for those items. Most local contractors participate in the program and can give you information. You can also visit our website at [www.clewiston-fl.gov](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov) or call our office.

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